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**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON ALASKA
WIRELESS NETWORK REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE
REQUIREMENT FOR 700 MHZ LICENSE IN ALASKA**

WT Docket No. 16-402

Comments Due: January 3, 2017
Reply Comments Due: January 13, 2017

On December 7, 2016, Alaska Wireless Network, LLC (AWN) (a wholly-owned subsidiary of GCI Communication Corp.) filed a request for waiver of Section 27.14(g)¹ of the Commission's rules,² which requires geographic-based interim and final construction benchmarks for AWN's license WQJU656, a Lower 700 MHz A Block license comprising the entire state of Alaska (BEA171 – Anchorage, AK). The license has an interim construction deadline requiring AWN to provide signal coverage and offer service over at least 35 percent of the license area by December 13, 2016, and a final construction deadline requiring AWN to provide signal coverage and offer service over at least 70 percent of the geographic area of the license by June 13, 2019.³ AWN requests the Commission waive the geographic-based benchmarks in favor of AWN covering 50 percent of the license's population by December 13, 2016, and 80 percent of the population by June 13, 2019.⁴

By this Public Notice, we seek comment on AWN's Waiver Request.

¹ 47 CFR § 27.14(g).

² Petition of General Communication, Inc. for Waiver of Lower 700 MHz Band Interim and End-of-Term Geographic Construction Benchmarks for Alaska A-Block License WQJU656, ULS File No. 0007582863 (filed Dec. 7, 2016) (Waiver Request).

³ 47 CFR § 27.14(g); *see also* Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Bands, *Second Report and Order*, 22 FCC Rcd 15289, 15349, para. 157 (2007).

⁴ *See* Waiver Request at 2.

Procedural Matters

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. All filings should refer to **WT Docket No. 16-402**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS"). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
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⁵ See 47 CFR §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206.

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Action by the Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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